



**PATENT**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: James Neal Richter et al.  
Serial No. 09/751,934  
Filed: December 29, 2000  
Title: AUTOMATED METHOD AND  
CLUSTERING SYSTEM USING  
NON-PROBABILISTIC WEIGHTING

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**37 C.F.R. 1.8**

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Sir:

It is hereby requested that the time period for responding to the outstanding Office Action mailed August 10, 2003, be extended for three months, or until January 12, 2004. (January 10, 2004, is a Saturday; therefore, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.7 the time period extends to January 12, 2004.) Enclosed is the Petition fee of \$950.00.

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